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**NEIGHBORS, FEDS STEP IN TO HELP IOWA TROUT
HATCHERIES**

MANCHESTER - Iowa's trout program received some assistance from neighboring states and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service after the summer flood waters washed out more than 250,000 trout from the Manchester and Elkader trout hatcheries.

Trout hatcheries in Nebraska, Illinois, North Dakota, South Dakota and federal hatcheries in Wisconsin, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota and Pennsylvania contributed fingerling-sized trout and eggs to help offset the loss. The hatcheries contributed a total of 165,000 rainbow trout that will be added to Iowa fish and stocked in 2009 and 2010.

"We will be stocking at a strong 80 percent of our original plan for the rest of this year including our winter stockings to make up for the loss in fish," said Dave Marolf, manger of the Manchester trout hatchery. "We have enough fish to stock at 100 percent for 2009."

The fish were divided among the trout hatcheries in Manchester, Elkader and Decorah.

"The trout are in excellent condition and are all doing fine," Marolf said.

The Manchester and Elkader hatcheries remain open to the public while work continues on fixing buildings and cleaning up from the flood.

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NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION TO MEET IN WAPELLO

WAPELLO – The Natural Resource Commission of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will meet at 8:30 a.m., Aug. 14, at the Langwood Education Center, in Wapello.

Commission members and DNR staff will meet at 12 p.m., Aug. 13, at the Roy-El Motel, Hwy. 61 S., in Wapello, for a tour of the area. The tour and the commission meeting are open to the public.

Members of the commission are Kim Francisco, Elizabeth Garst, Carol Kramer, Gregory Drees, Janelle Rettig, William Bird and Tammi Kircher. The Director of the DNR is Richard Leopold.

The following is the agenda for the August meeting.

- Approve Agenda
- Approve Minutes of June 12 and July 10 Meeting
- Director's Remarks
- Honey Creek Resort State Park
- Construction Projects
 - Silver Lake, Dickinson County – Floating Fishing Pier
 - Center Lake, Dickinson County – Handicapped Access Fishing Pier
 - Yellow River State Forest, Allamakee County – Low Water Crossing
 - Nine Eagles State Park, Decatur County – Cabin Area Utilities and Equestrian Area Water
- Land Acquisition
 - Dolliver State Park, Webster County – Kevin C. and Lucile A. Stumpf Revocable Trust
 - Bluffton Fir Stand State Preserve, Winneshiek County – The Lucille White Estate
- Land Management
 - Chapter 18 Lease, Five Island Lake, Palo Alto County – Rick and Carol Reed
 - Chapter 18 Lease, Missouri River, Woodbury County – L.G. Everist, Inc.
 - Chapter 18 Lease, Triboji Beach, Dickinson County – Ann Pendl
 - Easement, Glover's Point Bend Wildlife Management Area, Woodbury County – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - Easement, Tyson's Bend Wildlife Management Area, Harrison County – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- Management Agreement, Prairie Resource Unit, Polk County – Department of Corrections and Polk County Conservation Board
- DNR Conservation Easement Program
- 2008 Flood Damage
- Notice of Intended Action, Chapter 71, Nursery Stock Sale to the Public
- Notice of Intended Action, Chapter 45, Boat Motor Regulations Lake Icaria
- Notice of Intended Action, Chapter 81, Fishing Regulations
- Agreement with the City of Storm Lake
- Severe Weather Protocol in State Parks
- Interagency Agreement with Department of Public Health
- Notice of Intended Action, Chapter 106 Deer Hunting by Residents
- Notice of Intended Action, Chapter 94, Nonresident Deer Hunting
- Emergency Final Rule, Chapter 91, Waterfowl and Coot Hunting Seasons
- Notice of Intended Action, Chapter 98, Wild Turkey Spring Hunting
- Notice of Intended Action, Chapter 99, Wild Turkey Fall Hunting by Residents
- Wildlife Habitat Stamp Grant Review
- Donations
- General Discussion
- Items for Next Meeting, Sept. 11, Honey Creek Resort

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DNR DIRECTOR CONTINUES PUBLIC FORUM SCHEDULE IN OSKALOOSA

DES MOINES – Richard Leopold, director of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, is holding public forums around Iowa through September, with the next session at the Lake Keomah State Park Lodge near Oskaloosa on Thursday, August 7.

“I’m looking forward to sharing some of the important initiatives underway within the department, but more importantly, I really want to hear from Iowa’s citizens. One thing I am particularly proud of is the rapport that the DNR has with the public. This is a relationship we value highly within the DNR,” said Leopold.

The public forum begins at 6 p.m. with Director Leopold outlining the department’s top 10 priorities, work being done to develop environmental indicators for the state, providing an update on sustainable funding for natural resources and discussion of local issues. Another hour-and-a-half will be devoted to answering questions from the public.

Leopold has already held forums at Gull Point, Walnut Woods and Pine Lake state parks.

The other public forums scheduled for Director Leopold are as follows. All meetings will take place at 6 p.m.

Thursday, August 21
Lake Wapello State Park Lodge
Drakesville

Wednesday, August 27
Backbone State Park beach Lodge
Dundee

Thursday, September 4
Viking Lake State Park
Stanton

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